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In re Application of

DECISION ON DETITION

Doll, et al.

: DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 10/687,503 Filed: October 15, 2003

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Docket No.: END-887CIP

ND-887CIP :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed January 18, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned May 21, 2005 for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Notice mailed April 20, 2005. The Notice set a one shortened statutory period of time for reply. No petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 was timely submitted. Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 31, 2005

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is noted that a request for continued examination fee of \$790.00 was submitted herewith. As the request for RCE was prematurely submitted, i.e., application not subject to final rejection, petitioners are entitled to a refund of this fee and

may request such by writing to the Finance Office, Refund Branch. A copy of this decision should accompany any request for refund.

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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